

<p align="center"><b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b></p>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/596,202	<b>Applicant(s)</b> BARTHOLOMAUS ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> DANIELLE SULLIVAN	<b>Art Unit</b> 1617	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 19 September 2011.

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal [copy given to: ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☐ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Issues Discussed ☐ 101 ☐ 112 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ Others  
 (For each of the checked box(es) above, please describe below the issue and detailed description of the discussion)

Claim(s) discussed: \_\_\_\_.

Identification of prior art discussed: \_\_\_\_.

**Substance of Interview**

(For each issue discussed, provide a detailed description and indicate if agreement was reached. Some topics may include: identification or clarification of a reference or a portion thereof, claim interpretation, proposed amendments, arguments of any applied references etc...)

The Examiner informed Applicant that claims 1, 3, 4 were found allowable during an Appeal Brief panel decision. The arguments were found persuasive and claims 5-9 and 11-14 would be allowable following an examiners amendment. The Examiner requested permission to cancel claims 2 and 10 which allowed for the polyacrylic acid to be crosslinked before the process steps. The Examiner also requested permission to amend claim 5 to read as a transdermal dosage film form to overcome the teachings of the prior art. Claim 11 was also amended to depend on claim 1 instead of cancelled claim 10. Applicant found the proposed amendments acceptable.

**Applicant recodation instructions:** It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of interview.

**Examiner recodation instructions:** Examiners must summarize the substance of any interview of record. A complete and proper recodation of the substance of an interview should include the items listed in MPEP 713.04 for complete and proper recodation including the identification of the general thrust of each argument or issue discussed, a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed regarding patentability and the general results or outcome of the interview, to include an indication as to whether or not agreement was reached on the issues raised.

☐ Attachment

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